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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action dated July 19, 2006, in connection with the aboveidentified patent application, please consider the following amendment and remarks. This response is being filed concurrently with a petition for a one-month extension of time.

<u>AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION</u>

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.